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and found to have died of plague, the plague bacillus showing up plentifully in the smears. This vessel was given a most thorough disinfection, the whole process occupying five days. Article XV and article XVI of Department Circular No. 6 were followed strictly to the letter, with the result that the *Waialeale* is at the present time absolutely clean and free from infection.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaiian Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steam chambers installed at the Channel Wharf.

HONOLULU, H. I., October 29, 1901.

SIR : I have the honor to inform you that 2 of the steam chambers lately forwarded here for service at this station have been installed in a most thorough and practical manner by the station force under Superintendent J. D. McVeigh. The only expense attending their installation was that for necessary lumber, extra pipe, bolts, and paint, all of which we bought from the regular station contracts.

It is believed that with the prices charged for labor here, fully \$700 has been saved our allotment by having the chambers installed as just stated. We are now well equipped on the Channel Wharf for outgoing quarantine work, and it will be the policy of this office, unless otherwise ordered, to encourage the performance of this work here should quarantinable disease again appear in Honolulu.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONDURAS.

Reports from La Ceiba—Fruit port.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, October 26, 1901.

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 26, 1901 :

Present officially estimated population, about 3,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels : October 23, steamship *Ely*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 24, steamship *Breifond*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 26, steam-

ship *Fulton*; crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *October 31, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the period ended October 31, 1901:

Present officially estimated population, about 3,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and measles. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. There has been a number of cases of measles of mild form among the children of La Ceiba during the past few weeks.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: October 30, steamship *Usk*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *October 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 22, 1901:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none; prevailing diseases, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 16, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 44; passengers from this port, 14; passengers in transit, 8; pieces of baggage disinfected, 22. October 21, steamship *Bratten*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 29, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially esti-